

## 3 Dev Adam

*3 Dev Adam* (translated as *Three Mighty Men*, sometimes *Captain America and Santo vs. Spider-Man*; Üç Dev Adam) is a 1973 Turkish cult superhero film, directed by T. Fikret Uçak and written by Doğan Tamer based on the characters created by Steve Ditko, Jack Kirby, Stan Lee, Joe Simon and Rodolfo Guzmán Huerta, featuring Aytekin Akkaya as Captain America and Yavuz Selekman as Santo called to Istanbul on a special mission to stop the villainous Spider-Man and his criminal gang. The film, which went on nationwide general release across the country on November 1, 1973, was completely unauthorized by the copyright owners of the characters depicted. The film was popular and thus spawned other rip-offs of other major Hollywood productions<sup>[1][2]</sup>

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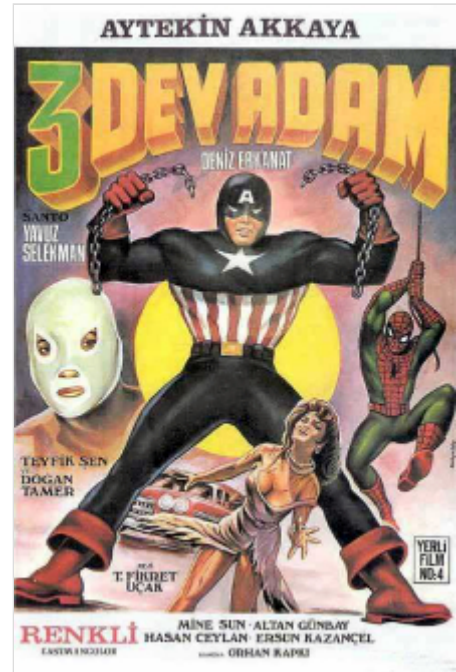
### Plot

The story takes place in Istanbul, where a violent criminal organization led by Spider-Man (actually named Spider in the movie) surfaces in the city with counterfeit United States dollars. They also decapitate a woman via a boat propeller. A small task-force consisting of Captain America, Santo and Captain America's girlfriend, Julia arrives to help local police stop Spider and his gang.

Julia, who has infiltrated Spider's hideout, is captured and taken to a house in a remote location. She manages to send an SOS signal to the Captain. Captain America saves Julia and chases after Spider-Man, who manages to escape.

Meanwhile, Mexico's national superhero/wrestler, Santo, infiltrates the dojo that is used as a front for counterfeiting. After being captured, he manages to escape along with incriminating evidence.

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Theatrical poster

<b>Directed by</b>	<span>T. Fikret Uçak</span> <div>J. Jonah Jameson</div>
<b>Written by</b>	<span>Doğan Tamer</span>
<b>Produced by</b>	<span>Hasan Tual</span>
<b>Starring</b>	<span>Aytekin Akkaya</span> <div><span>Deniz Erkanat</span></div> <div><span>Yavuz Selekman</span></div> <div><span>Tevfik Şen</span></div> <div><span>Doğan Tamer</span></div> <div><span>Mine Sun</span></div>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<span>Orhan Kapkı</span>
<b>Edited by</b>	<span>Hüsamettin Üren</span>
<b>Production companies</b>	<span>Tual Film</span> <div><span>Arsel</span></div>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<span>RENKLi</span>
<b>Release date</b>	<span>November 1, 1973</span>
<b>Running time</b>	<span>81 minutes</span>
<b>Country</b>	<span>Turkey</span>
<b>Language</b>	<span>Turkish</span>

Captain and Santo raid a very important hideout where most of the counterfeiting operation is taking place. They manage to shut down the hideout while Spider kills a couple, steals a statue and runs away.

Soon afterwards, another fight between heroes and Spider-Man begins. It is revealed that Spider is able to spawn duplicates of himself when killed, as one Spider is beaten to a pulp by Santo and another is strangled to death by Captain America.

Captain America and Santo then go undercover in a club. Spider's gang notice them and a fight occurs. The heroes are seemingly overpowered this time and are taken to Spider's hideout. Once there Captain America and Santo act like they are fighting themselves to confuse their captors but manage to break out and eliminate most of the gang members. Spider arrives at the end of the fight with his girlfriend, only to have her struck by a wild shot from the gun of one of his henchmen. He flees, with Captain America in hot pursuit.

Captain America catches Spider and defeats him, only to hear the taunting laugh of yet another Spider. The fight continues until all of the Spiders are dead.

As the heroes are about to leave Istanbul, Captain America sees the face of Spider in a taxi and furiously runs and removes the mask of the person in the car, only to realize that it was just a child wearing a wrestling mask.

## Cast

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- Yavuz Selekman as Turkish Santo. The primary difference between this version of El Santo and the original is that the character in the film wears a wrestling mask only briefly, whereas the real-life Santo was never seen in public without one. Santo was famous during the '60s, and he was very well known in Turkey.
- Aytekin Akkaya as Turkish Captain America. He doesn't have his shield and his mask lacks the wings on the side of his head.
- Tevfik Şen as Turkish Spider-Man. He is depicted as a villain, with none of his abilities from the comics. His only superpower here is the ability to make clones of himself. He is referred to as Spider.
- Doğan Tamer as Inspector Orhan
- Deniz Erkanat as Julia A.k.A Turkish Peggy Carter, Captain America's girlfriend who is from Brazil.
- Mine Sun as Nadya A.K.A Turkish Mary Jane Watson, Spider-man's girlfriend and partner in crime.
- Altan Günbay as Turkish Lex Luthor
- Ersun Kazançel as Bartender
- Osman Han as Bouncer
- Ali Ekdal as Commissioner
- Nilgün Ceylan as Janet
- İhsan Baysal as Bouncer
- Mehmet Yağmur as Spider-Man's henchman
- Turkish The Flash

## Reception

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3 Dev Adam received negative reviews. It holds a 4.6/10 on IMDb , and has a 50% audience rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

## See also

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- *Dünyayı Kurtaran Adam* – a Turkish film known to use ripoff footage, most notably from *Star Wars*

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- Review of film with screenshots and clips (<https://web.archive.org/web/20080312215429/http://www.antimattermultiverse.com/products/3-dev-adam-dvd>)
- Review of movie at *I-Mockery* (contains significant plot detail) (<http://www.i-mockery.com/minimocks/3devadam/default.php>)

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